



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/687,092  
Applicant : Mariastella Scandola, et al. Confirmation No.: 9101  
Filed : October 17, 2003  
Title : CHEMICAL MODIFICATION OF THE SURFACE OF NATURAL  
FIBERS  
TC/A.U. : 1711  
Examiner : Olga Asinovsky  
Docket No. : 38264US1

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT "A"

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office action mailed January 11, 2005. The period for reply was set to expire April 11, 2005. Accordingly, applicants hereby petition for and request a three (3) month extension of time to respond, up to and including July 11, 2005.

Enclosed is a check to cover the \$510 extension-of-time fee.

By this Amendment there are now 16 total claims pending in the application.

Accordingly, no extra-claim fee is due.

Please amend the application in the following manner.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date indicated below.

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*July 11, 2005*  
Date

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